



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

Va., has written to my uncle, Mr. Anthony Robinson, and in his letter says, 'I know scarcely anything of my Robinson ancestry beyond my grandfather (Harry Robinson, a lawyer of King William,) who died in very early life, leaving three sons, John (my father), William and Beverley, all of whom are now dead.'” And also a letter from Mr. Carter Braxton, dated Ingleside, March 21, 1853, saying: “There was a Col. Beverley Robinson in the county of King William, who had a brother by the name of John. Beverley was a lawyer in his day, did much business in that calling, and was very fond of the military life—joined the American Army in the war of 1812—had many skirmishes on the Potomac with the British Army when it sacked Washington. Beverley Robinson left several sons, who are now living. John, the brother of Beverley, has a very intelligent son, Henry Robinson, of Norfolkborough, a schoolmaster by profession, an amicable and intelligent man.” These letters and the will disprove conclusively an account which has stated that Col. Beverley Robinson, of King William, was the son of John Robinson, son of William of Spotsylvania.

Henry⁸ and Elizabeth Robinson had issue :

- 111. John⁹ (of whom later).
- 112. William⁹.
- 113. Beverley⁹ (of whom later).

(TO BE CONTINUED)

THE ENGLISH DESCENT OF JOHN PLEASANTS (1645-1698),
OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

By J. HALL PLEASANTS, Baltimore, Md.

WILL OF JOHN PLEASANTS.

(CONTINUED.)

The remaind'r of the s'd Goods and Chattels I do Give devise and Bequeath unto my Son John and Daughter Elizabeth Pleasant, part and part a Like to be delivered unto them also within ten month, after my said Son Joseph his decease, but if either of them should depart this life before that time then I give ye same to the Survivour of them two, Item I Give grant devise and Bequeath unto my afore said two sons John and Joseph Pleasants all that Track and dividend of Land by me lately taken up about four miles Creek part lying on the back of Edward Mathews his Land and Joyning to Phill Childers his Land &c contains about Two Thousand Six hundred acres as also that p't or tract of Land taken up by John Woodson Jun'r and my Selve part of w'ch lyes at the north Side of four miles Creek my part of the s'd Deviden being about five hundred acres as also the Eleven acres

Land bought of Abraham Childers lying on the South Side of four mile Creek & Joyning to the mill as also the p'rcell of Land Bought of Dorbe Enroughy lying on the north Side of four miles Creek being by Estimation fifty acres be the same more or less upon which the Corn mill standeth also I Give unto them the Corn mill and Saw mill with all manor of materalls w'ch belongs to either of them and al other Edifices building or other appertenances w'ch is upon the Said Sixty one acres of Land on Either side ye Creek which now are or hereafter may be Erected on the Same be it for the use or convenience of Either of the S'd Mills, also I Give unto them all utensills or things w'ch belongs to or w'ch was Sent for for Either of the Said Mills be it Iron work or w't ever Else belongs or appertains to them, nothing reserved or Excepted Also I Give unto them all Smith Toolles as well Bellows anvill and w't ever else belongs to them or may be accounted such as also all maner of Joyners and Carpenters Tools w't Ever which I have, as well those of mine not in use as those used, all w'ch S'd Lands with the appurtenances Corn mill and Saw mill Smith Toolles Carpenters or Joyners Toolles and all Iron work and Else belonging or appertaining to both or Either of the said mills, I do Grant devise and bequeath unto my said Sonns John Pleasants and Joseph Pleasants, all the Lands and mills with their appurtenances to them and to the Heirs of their Bodys for Ever, Joyntly that is to say part and part alike, and the Toolles before mentioned I give unto them for their use, and want of such Issue I Give devise and bequeath the said Lands and mills unto my Daughter Elizabeth Pleasants and to the heirs of her Body for Ever and for lack of Such Issue I Give Grant devise and bequeath ye same unto my Brothers and Sisters in England, w'ch Said Lands and mills my desire is should be sold and the produce thereof to be Equally paid to Each of them Provided always and I do will and ordain by these presents that if Either of my two Sonns John or Joseph Pleasants do or shall make any Suit Trouble or demand in Law of or for any part of the said Lands Goods mills that have now given unto them Joyntly Other wise then according to the true meaning purport and Intent of this my last will and Testament, and will not neither by any Friend or relation or else be advised or persuaded to desist from such Cources then either of them so doing shall clearly Loose their part of the Lands and mills and all other benefitts which they either of them might have had ther by and that either of them commencing any Such Suit trouble or demand as a fore said or shall Indeavor to Lease the same except it be unto his Brother, so To Cause Strife and contention without his consent Knowledge, and good liking if living shall be as clearly Void as if the Same had not been to him given or made, yett my mind and will is that my Dear and loving Wife Jane Pleasants, should have the whole proffitt and income both of the

Saw mill and Corn mill as also all the rents yearly and other profits of all my s'd Land and Tennemants during her naturall Life and I doe frely and fully Give Grant and bequeath the same unto her, Item I Give Grant and bequeath unto Friends in those parts called Quakers w'ch now and hereafter, may be that small parcel of Land by me purchased of Benj. Hatcher Joyning upon Thomas Holme his Land for a meeting Hous and a Burying place with the meeting House now upon it, and the Land purchased as a fore said, I doe Give Devise and Bequeath unto Friend a fore s'd called quak'rs for the Worship and Service of God for ever. Item I Give unto my Daughter in Law Mary Woodson Twenty Pounds Ster'll to be paid her in the Country Comodities with in Twelve months after my disceace Item I Give unto my Dear and Loving Mother Twenty pounds Ster'll money to be paid her within Twelve month after my decease if living by Good and Sufficent Bills of Exchange, The rest and residue of my Estate remaining un-bequeathed after my debts paid and this my last will performed, I doe wholly give Grant Devise and bequeath unto my dear and Loving wife Jane Pleasants formerly Wife and Executrix of Sam'el Tucker deceased whom I make and ordain my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testam't revokeing and by these presence disannulling, all former or other will or wills by me made or declared either by word or writeing, and this to be taken for and remain, as my last will and Testament in Wittness where of I have here unto Sett my hand and affixed my Seale the day and year above said.

JOHN PLEASANTS.

Recorded by order of Court upon the motion of Mrs. Jane Pleasants.

P JAMES COCKE, Cl. Curt.

Sign'd Seal'd Owned and Delv'd by the Testator as his Last will and Testament in presence of us.

JNO. BUTLER

Signum

ALEX'DRE (X) MEKENNEY

Signum

Hen'o County Octob'r ye 1st, 1690.

These papers being three Sheets Stitched together were this Day presented in open Court by Mr John Pleasants who did then their declare the same to be his last will and Testament and desired y't the Same might be entered on Record w'ch being Granted the said will is according to ord'r of the Said Court then made recorded.

P. HN. RANDOLPH, C. C'rt.

Hen'co Co'ty 1st June 1698

Vere Recordat'n

Teste: JAMES COCKE, Cll. Cur.

Be it known to all men by these presents that whereas I John Pleasants of Curles in the County of Henrico plant'r having made and declared my last will and Testament in writing bearing Date the 27th day of 7 b'r 1690 w'ch said will being also upon the records in Henrico County and whereas since ye making of my Said will, Some of the Lands then given my Sonn Joseph Pleasant at Tuckahoe Creek, being lost for want of Seating and one hundred acres of Land called Coulsons, being also given unto my Sonn Joseph Pleasants butt since sold to Giles Webb, and the Lands given my Daughter Eliz Pleasants, viz, that bought of Abraham Childers being a bought Seventy Acres Joyning upon Curles Swamp as also that given her bought of Henry Rowen &c. containing about four hundred acres w'ch two Tracts of Lands being now in her and her husbands James Cocke possession has being since maryed & conformed to them by a writing under my hand and Seal Since the making of my S'd will as also other things Given her in my S'd will ye Greater part also, she hath allready had ye remainder Given her my will and mind is She Should have with Six month after my discease, Now Kno' yee as afores'd that I the said John Pleasanes do by this present Coddicill Confirme and rattifie the remainder of my s'd last will and Testament in such in w'ch it is my reall Intent and true meaning that my Dear and loving wife Jane Pleasants whom I have made my hole and Sole Executrix of my Said will Should have the land I now live upon and Orchard Except what she thinks fitt to lett her Son John have to leive upon and to make use of as also the whole profitts of Both the mills and the rents yearly and other profit of all other my Said Lands Except what my two Sonns John and Joseph Pleasants Shall Leive upon during her naturall Life as well those all ready in my S'd will mentioned as those here after given unto my S'd two Sonns and Grand Son Thomas Pleasants and I doe here by Give Grant confirm and bequeath the same to her during her naturall life as afore Said.

Item I doe further Give and bequeath unto my Sonn John Pleasants that Tract or p'cell of Land bought of Henry Wyat the first time at Poquenackeo containing a bought two Hundred and twelve acres beginning upon the lower most lyne of the Said Henry Wyats tract next to the Land w'ch was formerly Bath Burroughs and so to run upward to the Cattale Swamp including all the S'd Land as well meadows as else mentioned in the Said Wyats Sale to me for the same, also I Give devise and bequeath unto my S'd Son John Pleasants that plantation or Dividend of Land by me bought of Edw'd Ward containing five hundred and fifty acres being part of a Tract of Land taken up by the Gilbert Elam and the Said Edw'd Ward both w'ch two Tracts or dividends of Lands as a bove S'd I doe give devise and be-

queath unto my s'd Son John Pleasants and to his heirs for ever and for want of Such Issue unto my Son Joseph Pleasants and to his heirs for ever and for want of such Issue, then I Give and bequeath the said Lands unto my Daughter Eliz. Cock and to her heirs for ever, Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Joseph Pleasants besides what is Given him in my Said Will that plantation or Tract of Land, by me lately Bought of Henry Wyat called Poquonoka containing about three hundred and thirty acres with all the Stock of Cattles of mine now upon it as well male as female as also all the Hoegs w'ch was formerly belonging to me and John Colyer with all the Horses and mares upon the said plantation, as also I give and bequeath unto my Said Son Jos. Pleasants that plantation or dividend of Land by me bought of Giles Weeb containing about one hundred acres and Joyning upon the heads of the Land bought of Henry Wyat now given him, also I give and bequeath unto my S'd Son Joseph Pleasants that plantation or tract of Land called Powwhite Swamp contain'g about four hundred and seventy acres w'ch was by me purchased of Wm. Drury &c. for ye better assurance there of Jeremy Bendshin all w'ch said thre Tracts Plantations or dividends of Lands I Give and bequeath unto my Sonn Joseph Pleasants as a fore said and to his heirs for ever, and for want of Such Issue I give devise and bequeath the same unto my Grand son Thomas Pleasants and to his heir for ever, and for want of Such Issue Then I Give the same to the next Son or Daughter of my Son John Pleasants and to his or her heirs for Ever and for want of Such Issue then I Give the same unto my Grand son James Cock and to his heirs for Ever, Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Thomas Pleasants that plantation or Dividend of Land by me purchased of James Lyles containing a bout one hundred and fifty acres as also that plantation or tract of Land by me purchased of James more, Anthony Moore and Jno. Field containing in all thre hundred & thirty four acres w'ch S'd Tracts or Dividends of Land I give devise and bequeath unto my S'd Grand Son and to his heirs forever and for want of such issue y't I give ye S'd La' unto ye next male child of my S'd Son John pleasants and his heirs for Ever and for want of Such Issue then I Give and bequeath the same unto my Son Joseph Pleasants and to his heirs for Ever as also I Give and bequeath unto my Said Grand Son Thomas Pleasant and to his heirs for Ever all that Land by me lately taken up Joyning upon the Land a bove Given him being a bout one thousand acres be it more or less and for want of Such Issue then I Give the same to the heirs, have formerly Given his other Land to (Viz) to my Son |John| next Sonnes to his heirs and for want of Such Issue then I give the same unto my Sonn Joseph Pleasants and to his heirs for Ever, and my will and

meaning is that this Codicill or Scheduall . . . be and be adjudged to be part and p'rcell of my Said last will & Testam't, and that all things herein contayned and mentioned be faithfully and truly performed as fully and amply in every Respect as if the same were so declared and set down in my S'd last will and Testament. In witness here of I have here unto Sett my hand and affixed my Seal this 11th day of 3-m called May 1697.

JOHN PLEASANTS,

Ent'red upon Record by order of Court upon the prayorr of Mrs. Jane Pleasants.

Sign'd Seal'd and Del'd by the Subscriber as his act & Deed in pr'sence of

P JAMES COCKE, Cl. C'urt.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

THE BROOKE FAMILY.

By Prof. ST. GEORGE TUCKER BROOKE, Morgantown, W. Va.

(CONTINUED)

WILL OF SAMUEL THACKER.

In the name of God, I Samuel Thacker of the county of Essex &c. Item. I give & bequeath unto Robert Brook (*a*) one gold ring, twenty shillings price. Item, I give unto his *son* Robert Brooke (*b*) a ring of the same value. Item, I give unto Mary Brooke (*c*) *daughter* of Robert Brooke, my God daughter all my land & plantation at the Range and my two Negros, Tony & Meretto, to be delivered to her at her day of marriage or my wife's death, which shall first happen &c. Item, I give unto my servant, John Glary one year of his time. Item, I give unto Eleanor Merritt, provided she stays till her time of service is expired, &c., &c.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal seale this sixteenth of December, 1712.

Sam. Thacker [Seale.]

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence—Test: Geo. McCall, Martha Parker, Ro. Brooke (*a*).

At a Court held for Essex county the 9th day of October, 1713, &c., &c.

Test: Richard Buckner Cl. Cur. A copy, Teste: H. Southworth, Clerk Circuit Court of Essex county, Va.

This will of Samuel Thacker is important from the point of view of the Brooke historico-genealogy, because it alone entirely refutes the